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SUBJECT: US-ASEAN DIALOGUE

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1. ON MAY 5 ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR (MRS.) ROSARIO MANALO AIDE MEMOIRE INCORPORATING PARAS FOUR THROUGH TEN OF REF. A. MRS. MANALO READ WITH INTEREST AND PROMISED SOONEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE AFTER COORDINATING WITH OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES.

2. SHE INDICATED THAT ASEAN STILL HOPEFUL OF MEETING BETWEEN ASEAN AND US AID EXPERTS IN MANILA MAY 30 AND 31 ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. SHE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE POSITIVE AS YET ABOUT THESE DATES. IN ANY CASE, SHE
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SAID, ASEAN SIDE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING, I.A., ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE INDUSTRY, PLANT PROTECTION (AGAINST INSECTS AND DISEASES), AND AGRI-CULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING. SEE ALSO REF. B.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS BY ASEAN MINISTERS GOING TO WASHINGTON FOR AUGUST 3-4 SECOND MEET-

ING WITH US, SHE SPECULATED THAT ASEAN DELEGATIONS MAY INCLUDE PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS (ONE OR TWO) FROM EACH COUNTRY; AND HOPED IF THIS TRANSPIRED THAT IT COULD BE BEGINNING OF INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND ASEAN.

4. TURNING TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, SHE SAID SHE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING GEORGE SUTER, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND LEW BURRIDGE, PRESIDENT OF APCAC TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH FRED ELIZALDE, PRESIDENT OF ASEAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO PROMOTE PRIVATE SECTOR US/ASEAN DIALOGUE.

5. SHE ALSO SPECULATED ON WHETHER IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE FOLLOWING AUGUST US/ASEAN MEETING IN WASHINGTON FOR MEMBERS OF ASEAN DELEGATIONS TO EMBARK ON "SPONTANEOUS" SPEAKING TOURS ACROSS THE US.

6. EMBOFF TOOK NOTE OF THESE SUGGESTIONS AND UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY WASHINGTON REACTIONS WHEN AND AS THEY MATERIALIZE. MRS. MANALO CONCLUDED BY UNDERTAKING EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE ON BEHALF OF ALL ASEAN GOVERNMENTS. TOUSSAINT

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